

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 2 has been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. However, the Examiner indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if suitably rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 upon which it was directly dependent. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 6-11 and 13-23 depend upon claim 1 and, thus, each is allowable therewith.

Withdrawn claims 3-5, 12 and 24-45 have been canceled.

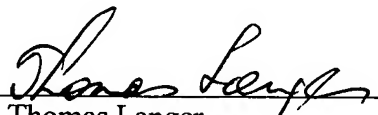
It is respectfully submitted that only allowable claims remain in the present application and, accordingly, this application is now in proper condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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